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Canada and Chile sign film and TV co-production agreement

OTTAWA, September 2, 1994 Canadian Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy today announced that Canada and Chile have signed an agreement for the co-production of film and television projects.

The agreement was signed today in Santiago by Chilean Minister of Foreign Relations, Carlos Figueroa Serrano, and Canadian Ambassador to Chile, Marc Lortie.

These international co-production agreements are an increasingly important means of sharing today's high costs and risks, for Canadians and Chileans alike, of producing quality, culturally significant productions and of accessing foreign markets.

Mr. Dupuy indicated that this co-production agreement will enable Canadian and Chilean producers to pool their creative, artistic, technical and financial resources in order to co-produce films and television programs that are considered national productions in each country.

In Canada, an official co-production is accorded domestic status for broadcasting purposes under the CRTC broadcasting regulations and the Canadian co-producer is eligible to apply for government funding from Telefilm Canada.

The signing of the Agreement reflects the growing importance of Chile's film and television industry for Canadian producers. Feature and documentary films involving both countries are being developed.

Canada has already signed similar agreements with 24 countries.

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